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In re the Application of:

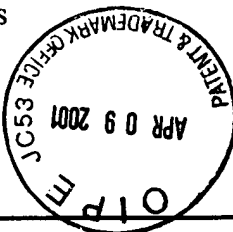
Applicant(s) : Nagabhushan, *et al.*

Title : Methods and Compositions for
Delivery of Interferon Alpha
Nucleic Acids

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Amendment and Response

To Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action ("Response") is responsive to the office action mailed October 4, 2000 in the above referenced patent application ("Office Action The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response of three months ending January 4, 2001. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the required fee thus extending the time for response until April 4, 2001. Consequently, Applicants believe this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments to the claims be entered prior to consideration of the following Remarks:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached correspondence is being deposited as First Class Mail with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

Richard B. Murphy

April 4, 2001